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## Poland

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### Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Update and Market Implications

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**Report Highlights:**

On December 22, 2007 a tenth outbreak site was confirmed within the designated protection zone of an earlier outbreak near Zuromin. FAS Warsaw predicts that Poland's Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza outbreak will affect the domestic poultry market and EU poultry trade but that it will not have a noticeable impact on the global trade of poultry products.

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### New Outbreak Site

On December 22, 2007 the Polish Veterinary service confirmed a tenth Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak site in a hen-laying facility within the protected zone of one of the previous outbreaks near Zuromin. The affected farm with 186,000 laying hens is located in Sadlowo Parcele, 150 kilometers northeast of Warsaw. The Veterinary Service is culling all affected birds.

### Summary of Outbreaks

As of December 22, there have been 10 outbreak sites of HPAI in Poland. Five outbreak sites were detected in large commercial flocks (one turkey broiler facility and four hen-laying farms), four in backyard flocks, and one in a wild bird refuge. There are three major areas with outbreaks, one near Plock and one near Zuromin in Mazowieckie Province (also known as Mazowsze) in central Poland, and an additional area in Mazursko Warminskie Province in northeastern Poland near Orneta.

### **Map of Poland, X designates major outbreak areas**



### Economic and Trade Effects

According to information published in the weekly agricultural price bulletin of the Ministry of Agriculture, farm-gate and wholesale prices for chicken and turkey broilers decreased within the last three weeks by 5 to 10 percent. Industry sources estimate price declines to be greater, closer to 10 to 15 percent, and note that the declines are greatest for turkey broilers.

In response to the HPAI outbreak the European Union banned imports of poultry and poultry products from the counties affected by the HPAI and slightly beyond for sites located near county borders (see 2007/838/EC for details). The United States banned imports of poultry and poultry products from three provinces: Mazowieckie, Warmińsko-Mazurskie and Kujawsko-Pomorskie. In addition, the Polish Veterinary Service confirmed that Japan, Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, South Korea and Hong Kong banned imports of poultry and poultry products from the affected regions in Poland.

In 2006, Poland exported \$680 million USD in poultry and products. Exports consisted of poultry meat (80 percent), eggs (11 percent), processed poultry meat products (5 percent) and baby chicks (4 percent). Poultry meat and processed poultry meat products are

exported primarily to other EU member states, the major destinations being Germany, the United Kingdom, the Czech Republic and France. Table eggs are primarily exported to Germany, Denmark and the Czech Republic. Ukraine and Belarus are the primary export markets for baby chicks. In the first eight months of 2007, Polish poultry exports were \$540 million USD, growing 34 percent from the same period in 2006. The growth is due to an increase in poultry meat exports to other EU member states.

FAS Warsaw predicts that the overall impact of the AI outbreak in Poland on the global poultry market will be insignificant. However, Polish exports of poultry meat to other EU member states will suffer. According to trade sources, some EU countries like Germany and the United Kingdom have reduced imports of Polish poultry meat in response to the outbreak, meaning that other major poultry producing countries within the EU, such as France, may benefit. The regional bans from the Far East will have little impact on Poland or the world market because these shipments are less than five percent of Poland's poultry exports and Poland is not a significant supplier to any of these countries. The ban imposed by the United States will not have an economic effect on Poland because it is not eligible to export poultry or poultry products to the United States.

Previous reports on the HPAI outbreak in Poland starting with the most recent report:

Avian Influenza H5N1 Outbreak Widens

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200712/146293233.pdf>

New Avian Influenza H5N1 Outbreak in Poland

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200712/146293231.pdf>

Update on AI Outbreak in Poland

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200712/146293177.pdf>

Outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200712/146293145.pdf>